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SUBJ: BANK CRI*IS-TALKS WITHINTERNATIONAL BANKS

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1. DR. VITTORIO GIACOMELLI, GENERAL MANAGER BANCO DI ROMA, ARRIVED MALTA JAN 21 FOR TWO-DAY VISIT INCLUDING TALKS WITH PM MINTOFF. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, LOCAL SOURCES SAY PURPOSE OF GIACOMELLI'S VISIT IS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE BANCO DI ROMA PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL BANK OF MALTA.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS SECOND VISIT BY GIACOMELLI IN LESS THAN A MONTH. DURING INTERIM, CHAIRMAN AND GENERAL MANAGER OF LIBYAN ARAB FOREIGN BANK, ABDULLA A. SAUDI, HAS ALSO VISITED MALTA FOR TALKS WITH MINTOFF,
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PRESUMABLY ON SAME SUBJECT. LOCAL RUMORS ALSO PERSIST RE POSSIBLE CHASE MANHATTAN ASSOCIATION

WITH NATIONAL BANK GROUP. THIS LATTER POSSIBILITY,
HOWEVER, DISPUTED BY FORMER LEADING SHAREHOLDER AND
DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL BANK GROUP, ADRIAN BUSIETTA.
ACCORDING TO BUSIETTA, CHASE INTEREST DATES BACK TO
EARLIER PERIOD WHEN NATIONAL BANK GROUP WAS SOUND.GETZ

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